



State Library of Massachusetts - Special Collections Department

# Ms. Coll. 150

## Marian Walsh Papers, 1989-2009: Guide

### COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Creator:** Walsh, Marian, 1954-.

**Call Number:** Ms. Coll. 150

**Extent:** 1 box (1 linear foot)

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**About This Finding Aid:** Description based on DACS.

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**Abstract:** This collection documents Marian Walsh's years in the Massachusetts House of Representatives (1988 to 1992) and Senate (1993 to 2011).

### SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection documents Marian Walsh's years in the Massachusetts State House of Representatives (1988-1992) and as a State Senator (1993-2011), especially her legislative activities and priorities as well as issues of concern in her district. The collection includes notes, correspondence, VHS tapes, DVDs, architectural and engineering reports, newspaper articles, and bill summaries.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Marian Walsh served as Representative to the 10<sup>th</sup> Suffolk District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1988 to 1992. She then served six terms in the Massachusetts State Senate from 1993 to 2011, during which time she represented the Suffolk and Norfolk districts as a Democrat. She became Assistant Majority Leader in early 2003 after having served as Senate Chair of the Joint Legislative Committees on Taxation, Banks and Banking, Public Service, Criminal Justice, Ways and Means, Education, and Housing and Urban Development. She retired from her Senate post in 2011.

Walsh graduated from Newton College of the Sacred Heart with a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and American Studies. She also earned a Master's degree in Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School and went on to obtain a Juris Doctor from Suffolk University Law School. While working as Chief Administrator at the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, she established the Victim/Witness Assistance Program, the Homicide Response Team, and the first full-time, permanent Organized Crime Division.

Her interests as reflected in this collection include: addictions treatment, financial transparency of religious charities, civil commitment of sexually dangerous persons, and community development.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### ***Arrangement***

The papers are arranged in two series:

*Series I. Subject Files, 1989-2009*

*Series II. Audiovisual Materials, 1995-2008*

### ***Conditions Governing Access***

This collection is open for research during the Special Collections Department's regular hours.

### ***Technical Access***

The collection contains five VHS tapes and two DVDs which can be viewed in the Special Collections Reading Room.

## ***Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use***

Copyright restrictions may apply. Requests for permission to publish material from this collection should be discussed with Special Collections staff.

## ***Languages and Scripts***

The materials are entirely in English.

## ***Series Description and Container List***

### **Series I: Subject Files, 1989-2009**

#### ***Scope and Content***

This series includes speeches given by Marian Walsh at Memorial Day celebrations in various locations including Dedham and West Roxbury, materials associated with Senate Docket 813 ("An Act Relative to Charities in Massachusetts") and Senate Bill 1074, materials related to legislation to require treatment for convicted sex offenders, studies of the use of alcohol taxes to fund substance abuse treatment, materials relating to legislation for the creation of a Central Artery Investigative Review Board and corresponding legislation, and documentation and proposals for court and municipal facilities, including the Norfolk County Trial Court, the Dedham Probate and Family Court, and Dedham Square.

#### ***Arrangement***

The materials are arranged by topic.

<b>Box #</b>	<b>Folder #</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	1	Memorial Day Speeches	2003-2005, 2007-2008
1	2	Central Artery Investigative Review Board	2007
1	3-9	Charities (7 folders)	2004-2007
1	10-12	Civil Commitments of Sexually Dangerous Persons (3 folders)	1989, 1996-1997
1	13-15	Addiction Treatment (3 folders)	2001-2009
1	16	Central Artery Investigative Review Board	2007
1	17-23	Land Use (7 folders)	1999, 2002-2003, 2005-2006

## Series II: Audiovisual Materials, 1995-2008

### ***Scope and Content***

This series includes videos of Marian Walsh speaking about some of her legislative interests, primarily at Massachusetts Senate Sessions. The *Sunday with Liz Walker* tape includes an episode in which Walsh attended a “welcome to the neighborhood party” at a group home in West Roxbury.

### ***Arrangement***

Materials are arranged chronologically.

Box #	Folder Title	Date
1	Tribute to Slain Assistant Attorney General Paul R. McLaughlin by Marian Walsh [VHS] (2 copies)	1995
1	Excerpts from Massachusetts Senate Session Relative to Health Care Facilities, Senate No. 2252 [VHS]	July 29, 1998
1	The 186 <sup>th</sup> General Court of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Joint Session of the Two Houses to Consider Specific Amendments to the Constitution [DVD]	2004
1	Commonwealth Politics #CP-167: Same Sex Marriage [VHS]	2005
1	Massachusetts Senate Session, Sen. Walsh's speech on Substance Abuse [DVD]	2008
1	<i>Sunday with Liz Walker</i> [VHS]	undated